

REMARKS**Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action**

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over
5 U.S. Patent 4,523,717 to Schwab in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,502,762 to Tuttobene.
Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent
Number 4,523,717 to Schwab and U.S. Patent Number 6,502,762 to Tuttobene as applied
to claim 1 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,611,165 to Blaha. Claims
3-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be
10 allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base
claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled and their limitations incorporated into
amended claim 1. Based on the Examiner's statements the teachings of the references, it
is believed that amended claim 1 and all claims ultimately depending therefrom are in
15 condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

New Claim

New claim 11 has been added to vary the scope of the claims. New claim 11
20 includes the limitations of as filed claims 1 and 5. Based on the Examiner's statements
and findings is believed to be in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added
and all references therein are fully supported in the specification and claims as filed.

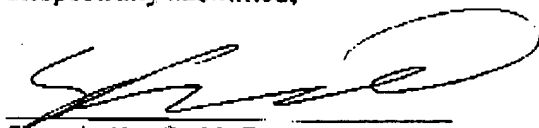
CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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